

CHILDREN'S DEPLOYMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM **VIDEO VIGNETTE: CHANGES**

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Simon: Hey Kathy, is THAT your school picture?

Kathy: Yes it is.

Simon: Well, what's the other picture?

Kathy: The one picture is of me with my dad BEFORE he left for Afghanistan. I look different. I hope my dad recognizes me when he comes HOME next month!

Simon: Hey, let me see those pictures! *[Lean over and look at pictures]*
What's so different? You're still the same Kathy to me.

Kathy: Well, Simon, I've changed SO MUCH. My hair is longer, I've lost a tooth, and I've gotten TALLER. You get to see me every day at school. My DAD hasn't seen me in a long time. The lady from our deployment group last year told us that things change during deployments. She talked about how WE change, how things in our HOME changes, and how our moms and dads—they change TOO!

Simon: Well, what has changed in your home?

Kathy: Well, I have to help out more around the house, like take out the garbage, do the dishes, and help with the laundry.

Simon: Wow! THAT sounds like a LOT of work.

Kathy: It is more work, but we need to help each other when someone in our family is deployed. It wouldn't be fair if my mom had to do EVERYTHING by herself.

- Simon: I wouldn't want my dad to leave. It doesn't sound like much fun doing ALL that extra work. I wouldn't have any time to learn new jokes.
[Pause] Listen to this one! What do you call a scared dinosaur?
[Pause, laughing] A NERVOUS REX! *[Laughing]*
- Kathy: *[Laughing]* Oh Simon, it's not ALL bad. While dad is away, my grandma and grandpa come to visit more often, we get to eat at McDonald's more, and we get to stay up LATE on the weekend!
- Simon: Well, THAT sounds better. But I bet your dad changed too.
- Kathy: I think you might be right! My dad probably did change too and I'm sure I will recognize him no matter what. So, I shouldn't worry about recognizing him when he comes home in a couple of months.
- Simon: It sounds like a LOT of things change during deployments.
- Kathy: You're right Simon. A lot of things DO change, but, change can be good! We help each other more and we spend more time together doing fun things. That's NEVER a bad thing.
- Simon: Speaking of change, I am going to go home RIGHT now and CHANGE...my clothes for my baseball game tonight!
- Kathy: But, before you go Simon, let's ask our friends what changes THEY noticed *[Looking at audience]*. OR, what changes they think their mom or dad will notice when they return?
- Simon: Sure! Sounds good to me!